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RULE X

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UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE
ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,
Washington, D. C.

PUBLIC HEARING

The subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities met, pursuant to call, at 11:45 a. m., in the caucus room, Old House Office Building, Hon. Francis E. Walter (chairman) presiding.

Committee members present: Representatives Francis E. Walter, Clyde Doyle, and James B. Frazier, Jr.

Staff members present: Frank S. Tavenner, Jr., counsel.

The CHAIRMAN. The subcommittee will be in order.

Will you call your witness, Mr. Tavenner.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Bray, will you come forward, please.

The CHAIRMAN. Will you raise your right hand, please.

Do you swear the testimony you are about to give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. BRAY. I do.

The CHAIRMAN. You may be seated.

TESTIMONY OF KEVE BRAY

Mr. TAVENNER. What is your name, please, sir.

Mr. BRAY. Keve Bray, K-e-v-e B-r-a-y.

Mr. TAVENNER. It is noted that you are not accompanied by counsel. It is the practice of the committee to advise all witnesses that they are entitled to counsel if they so desire, or that they have the right to confer with counsel during the course of their testimony if they so desire. You understand that, do you not?

Mr. BRAY. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Bray, what other names have you been known by, other than the name of Keve Bray?

Mr. BRAY. I have not been known by, to my knowledge, any other name except Keve Bray.

Mr. TAVENNER. Have you had nicknames from time to time?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. What are they?

Mr. BRAY. I don't know whether you would call them nicknames or not, but it has been spelled these various different ways: K-e-v-i-e, K-e-y-v-i-e, and various other ways.

Mr. TAVENNER. Have you been known by the name of Kay, K-a-y?

Mr. BRAY. I have not been known, to my knowledge, by that name. Somebody might call me Kay Bray, for example, but I don't recall the K-a-y.

Mr. TAVENNER. Have you been known by the name of Peter?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Or by the name of Jap, J-a-p?

Mr. BRAY. Well, I haven't been known by that name, but when I was in junior high school that was the nickname that was given to me for a short period of time.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you at any time use the name of Kay or Peter?

Mr. BRAY. I don't recall that I ever used that name. I am certain that I never used the name Peter. I don't recall having used the name.

Mr. TAVENNER. When and where were you born, Mr. Bray?

Mr. BRAY. I was born in Massillon, Ohio.

Mr. TAVENNER. What date?

Mr. BRAY. June 9, 1925.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where do you now reside?

Mr. BRAY. In Massillon.

Mr. TAVENNER. What is your occupation or profession?

Mr. BRAY. Teacher.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you a teacher in public schools?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell the committee, please, what your formal educational training has been?

Mr. BRAY. I graduated from the University of Colorado.

Mr. TAVENNER. What degree did you receive?

Mr. BRAY. B. A. degree, and some——

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you give us the date?

Mr. BRAY. 1952.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where is the University of Colorado located, in what city?

Mr. BRAY. Boulder.

Mr. TAVENNER. Boulder, Colo. How many years did you attend the University of Colorado?

Mr. BRAY. About 2 years; 2 or 3 years.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you have any college work prior to going to the University of Colorado?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was that?

Mr. BRAY. I started to college at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Mr. TAVENNER. In what year?

Mr. BRAY. 1946. And I went to Arizona State College.

Mr. TAVENNER. How long were you at Miami University?

Mr. BRAY. About a year.

Mr. TAVENNER. From there you went——

Mr. BRAY. To Arizona State College. That was about a semester.

Mr. TAVENNER. One semester in 1947?

Mr. BRAY. In 1947. From there to Colorado College about 1 year.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where is Colorado College located?

Mr. BRAY. Colorado Springs.

Mr. TAVENNER. What year would that be, 1948 or 1947?

Mr. BRAY. 1948.

And from there to the University of Colorado in 1949.

Mr. TAVENNER. Does that complete your educational training?

Mr. BRAY. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you in the Armed Forces of the United States?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Tell the committee briefly over what period and in which branch of the Armed Forces you served.

Mr. BRAY. I went in the Navy in 1943 and served until 1946, about 3 years.

Mr. TAVENNER. Then you entered Miami University almost at the time you returned from the service?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Prior to 1943, how were you employed?

Mr. BRAY. I went to elementary school.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where did you attend school?

Mr. BRAY. At Massillon High School, Massillon, Ohio.

Mr. TAVENNER. During the period you were with the University of Colorado, which was from 1947 to 1952, where did you reside?

Mr. BRAY. In the dormitories on the campus, and at Spruce Street.

Mr. TAVENNER. Is Spruce Street off campus?

Mr. BRAY. Yes. I lived off the campus——

Mr. TAVENNER. What was your address on Spruce Street?

Mr. BRAY. I believe it was 1002.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell the committee when you first took up your residence at that address and when you left it?

Mr. BRAY. As far as I can remember, it was about in 1950 that I began to reside on Spruce Street, and I left there about 1952.

Mr. TAVENNER. Can you give the months of the year when you took up the address and terminated it?

Mr. BRAY. I cannot give the months. It wasn't important to me, and I didn't remember it.

Mr. TAVENNER. Prior to your work at the University of Colorado, were you at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where did you live at Oxford?

Mr. BRAY. I don't remember the number, but I lived on North Campus Avenue, at a home.

Mr. TAVENNER. Could that have been 323?

Mr. BRAY. That doesn't sound like it, no. It was 9-something.

Mr. TAVENNER. But it was on North Campus Avenue?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Prior to that, were you at Arizona State College?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where is that located?

Mr. BRAY. Tempe, Ariz.

Mr. TAVENNER. How far is that from Phoenix?

Mr. BRAY. About 13 miles.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where did you reside while at Arizona State College?

Mr. BRAY. I resided in Phoenix at Dr. Wormley's residence. I don't remember the address.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you remember the name of the street?

Mr. BRAY. I think it was Washington Street.

Mr. TAVENNER. East or West?

Mr. BRAY. I don't remember the direction.

Mr. TAVENNER. Prior to that you were at Colorado College at Colorado Springs, is that correct?

Mr. BRAY. Yes; at Colorado Springs.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where did you reside while at Colorado Springs?

Mr. BRAY. I believe it was, 733 Corona Street.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you reside at some other address, also, in Colorado Springs?

Mr. BRAY. Some place on Weber Street. I don't remember what the address was.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you recall living at any other place in Colorado Springs?

Mr. BRAY. Yes. I lived on El Paso Street.

Mr. TAVENNER. What address?

Mr. BRAY. I don't remember that one, either.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you think 823 North El Paso Street may be correct?

Mr. BRAY. That sounds like it.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where do you presently reside in Massillon?

Mr. BRAY. In Massillon, I reside at 732 Fourth Street.

Mr. TAVENNER. What other addresses have you had in Massillon?

Mr. BRAY. My home prior to that was 909 Johnson Street.

Mr. TAVENNER. The committee has just returned from southern California where it received considerable evidence regarding the activities of the Southern California Peace Crusade which functioned as a branch of the American Peace Crusade. I would like to ask you whether or not you were a member of or affiliated in any way with the American Peace Crusade while you were at Boulder, Colo., that is, during the period you were a student at the University of Colorado.

Mr. BRAY. I don't recall that I have been a member of the Peace Crusade in Colorado.

Mr. TAVENNER. You were active, however, were you not, in the activities of the Boulder Peace Council at Boulder, Colo.?

Mr. BRAY. No, I wouldn't say that I was active in the Boulder Peace Conference.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the extent of your participation in the work of that organization?

Mr. BRAY. I didn't have any idea that it operated as an organization. I only know that I attended a peace congress in Chicago.

Mr. TAVENNER. That was in June of 1951, wasn't it?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. You attended as a delegate, didn't you?

Mr. BRAY. No, I didn't attend as a delegate.

Mr. TAVENNER. What were the circumstances under which you attended?

Mr. BRAY. I attended because I had become aware that Paul Robeson was going to sing at this congress, and my interest was aroused and stimulated to attend.

Mr. TAVENNER. Wasn't your interest also aroused because of your work with the Boulder Peace Council in Boulder?

Mr. BRAY. No. I had no knowledge of the Peace Council, as you refer to it, up until the time that I had heard about the congress in Chicago.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you recall the occasion of a caucus meeting of the Boulder Peace Council delegates at Boulder, Colo., on June 27, 1951, when the group of delegates got together and caucused at the home of Jake Saucedo, S-a-u-c-e-d-o?

Mr. BRAY. I wouldn't say that I recall that I was attending a meeting of delegates. The impression that I had gathered was that it was a party, and that is the basis on which I attended. Since I knew them, I had no question as to what it was. On the campus we did have a great many parties.

Mr. TAVENNER. It was a meeting of delegates to the peace congress to be held in Chicago, was it not?

Mr. BRAY. I have learned that to be so, I suppose.

Mr. TAVENNER. How did it happen that you were invited to this meeting of delegates if you were not also a delegate?

Mr. BRAY. I don't recall that I was even invited. I just appeared there. I wasn't invited, but I happened to know Saucedo well enough to drop in, but I had no awareness——

Mr. TAVENNER. How did you know this meeting was to be held at Saucedo's?

Mr. BRAY. I didn't know. I just knew of a party being held, and I attended. It wasn't unusual for me to stop in, since they were students at the university and I knew them.

Mr. TAVENNER. Had you decided prior to that time, or was it after that time, that you would go to the peace congress in Chicago?

Mr. BRAY. It was well after that time because, as a matter of fact, it was the day that they were ready to leave that I decided, changed my mind when I heard that Mr. Robeson was going to appear there, that I decided to go.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you mean you decided that day?

Mr. BRAY. The day that they were to leave.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you make your decision after or before this meeting?

Mr. BRAY. After.

Mr. TAVENNER. How long was it after this meeting on June 27 that you departed for Chicago?

Mr. BRAY. I believe that it was about 2 days. I am not sure.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you accompany the other delegates from Boulder?

Mr. BRAY. I went with the Saucedo's.

Mr. TAVENNER. The Saucedo's were not students at the university, were they?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. They were students at that time?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell the committee, please, what the purpose of the meeting was, which was held on June 27 at Jake Saucedo's home?

Mr. BRAY. As I said, I had the impression that it was a party, but I have since gathered that it was gathered together to raise money for going to Chicago.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you find that out at the meeting?

Mr. BRAY. I don't remember that I did. I know on several occasions the type of gathering that was held, it was in the same fashion, but I couldn't say that I really knew, because I hadn't made up my mind to go.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was there anything secret about this meeting of the delegates to the peace congress?

Mr. BRAY. It wasn't secret at all.

Mr. TAVENNER. I don't understand what you mean by saying you later found out certain things about it.

Mr. BRAY. Sometimes one may not always know when going to a party exactly, especially if he is an individual such as myself who might stop in, as I did. I just didn't have any real thought as to what type of meeting it was, or I didn't care what type of meeting it was.

Mr. TAVENNER. But after you got there, you quickly found out what it was, didn't you?

Mr. BRAY. I wouldn't say I quickly found out. I think that I found out money was being raised for a purpose. I will say that. That is as much as I can remember that I actually felt at that time.

Mr. TAVENNER. What other matters were discussed relating to the Peace Council besides the raising of funds?

Mr. BRAY. At that time I don't recall that anything else was discussed, because that is probably the reason why I hadn't decided to go, because I don't recall that anything was discussed at all. I didn't remain there until the close of the meeting.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was Jake Saucedo the leader of this group?

Mr. BRAY. I don't know. I don't really know who was the leader.

Mr. TAVENNER. How long had you known Jake Saucedo?

Mr. BRAY. Oh, I had known him for about 3 months prior to that, I believe.

Mr. TAVENNER. What were the circumstances under which you met him?

Mr. BRAY. I think it was just on the campus at the Student Union Building.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you know him as a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. BRAY. No, I didn't know him as a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was he a member of the Communist Party, to your knowledge?

Mr. BRAY. I don't recall that he was a member of the Communist Party. In fact, I don't know.

Mr. TAVENNER. Let us put it this way: You may not have seen his Communist Party card or have seen him pay dues or anything of that nature, but did you ever attend a Communist Party meeting with him? Or let us put it this way: Were you ever at a Communist Party meeting at which he was present?

Mr. BRAY. I don't recall ever having gone to a Communist Party meeting as such.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did he ever discuss with you activities of the Communist Party in which he was engaged?

Mr. BRAY. He has never discussed anything with me pertaining to the Communist Party.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were any of the persons at that meeting of delegates of the Boulder Peace Council known to you to be members of the Communist Party?

Mr. BRAY. No, I don't recall if anyone there—I won't say I don't recall. I am sure that I don't know anyone who was there who was a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. TAVENNER. You attended the peace congress which met in Chicago in June 1951. While there did you meet a person by the name of Peter Hyun, H-y-u-n, from Los Angeles?

Mr. BRAY. I don't recall meeting a Peter Hyun from Los Angeles.

Mr. TAVENNER. Had you met Peter Hyun prior to that time?

Mr. BRAY. No. I don't recall ever meeting any such person.

Mr. TAVENNER. Peter Hyun was the executive secretary of the Southern California Peace Crusade and was very active in that area of the country. I understand you never had occasion to meet him.

Mr. BRAY. No; not to my recollection.

Mr. TAVENNER. Immediately after the peace congress in Chicago, a convention was held in Chicago of delegates from the Independent Progressive Party. Many of the peace delegates stayed over for that convention. Did you?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. After you attended this convention, did you continue in the same way with the Peace Council in Boulder that you had prior to the convention, or did you become more active?

Mr. BRAY. I was never active in the Peace Council. As I said, I went primarily to hear Mr. Robeson. Following that time I had no awareness of the existence of the Peace Council in Boulder.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attend the national convention of the National Negro Labor Council at Cleveland, Ohio, in November 1952?

Mr. BRAY. No; I did not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you at any time made a delegate to that convention, although you did not attend?

Mr. BRAY. I wasn't aware that I was a delegate to that convention.

Mr. TAVENNER. How did you become employed after leaving the University of Colorado in 1952?

Mr. BRAY. I was employed in the Denver public schools.

Mr. TAVENNER. What is the name of the school?

Mr. BRAY. Cole Junior High School.

Mr. TAVENNER. How long were you employed there?

Mr. BRAY. About a year.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you begin your employment at Cole Junior High in the fall of 1952?

Mr. BRAY. Began in the fall of 1953.

Mr. TAVENNER. How were you employed between the time of your graduation in 1952 and the fall of 1953?

Mr. BRAY. I took graduate work at the University of Colorado.

Mr. TAVENNER. You didn't tell us that to begin with.

Mr. BRAY. I was going to, and you went on.

Mr. TAVENNER. How long did your graduate work last?

Mr. BRAY. I believe it was about a year. I was just enrolled in some courses.

Mr TAVENNER. Did you have any employment between the time of the completion of your graduate work and taking up your school duties in the fall of 1953?

Mr. BRAY. I didn't have any employment between that time. I had done a little teaching in a rural community.

Mr. TAVENNER. What community?

Mr. BRAY. Pleasant View.

Mr. TAVENNER. In Colorado?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where did you spend the summer of 1953?

Mr. BRAY. In Denver.

The CHAIRMAN. I think we will recess at this point until 2:30.

(Whereupon, at 12:20 p. m., the subcommittee recessed, to reconvene at 2:30 p. m., of the same day.)

AFTER RECESS

(The subcommittee reconvened at 2:30 p. m. Committee members present were Representatives Walter and Frazier.)

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will be in order.

Let the record show that a subcommittee consisting of Messrs. Frazier, Velde, and Walter has been designated to continue this hearing, and that a majority of the subcommittee are present.

Will you raise your right hand, please. Do you swear the testimony you are about to give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. BRAY. I do.

TESTIMONY OF KEVE BRAY—Resumed

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Bray, will you tell the committee, please, whether or not you became a member of or affiliated with an organization known as the Young Progressives of America at any time while you resided in Colorado?

Mr. BRAY. I was never a member of the Young Progressive organization while I resided in Colorado or at any other place.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you participate in the work of that organization?

Mr. BRAY. No. I do remember going to one of their meetings, but I don't recall participating in any of the work of the organization.

Mr. TAVENNER. When and where was that meeting held which you attended?

Mr. BRAY. In the Student Union Building of the University of Colorado.

Mr. TAVENNER. In what year was that meeting held?

Mr. BRAY. I believe that was 1951.

Mr. TAVENNER. There was an organization, then, of the Young Progressives of America at the University of Colorado?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. The committee received sworn testimony during its hearings in Michigan in May 1954 to the effect that the youth group of the Communist Party was assigned to various organizations, including the Young Progressives of America, and that in Michigan the officials of that organization were members of the Communist Party who had been affiliated with the youth group of the Communist Party.

Will you tell the committee, please, whether at the University of Colorado any of the officers of the Young Progressives of America were persons known to you to be members of the Communist Party?

Mr. BRAY. I don't have any proof of members of the Young Progressives that were, but there was only one individual who was considered by people generally. I have no proof. I couldn't say, myself, personally.

Mr. TAVENNER. I will not ask you to state in public session what you heard or what was generally understood, but I may want to ask you about that in closed session of the committee.

Did you become a member of or affiliated with the Independent Progressive Party while living in Colorado?

Mr. BRAY. No, I was never a member of the Independent Progressive Party. I don't think I know exactly what it is or what it was.

Mr. TAVENNER. The Independent Progressive Party was organized in 1948 throughout the country generally. I wanted to inquire as to what knowledge you had of its organization in the State of Colorado.

Mr. BRAY. I had no knowledge at all. I knew that it existed, but as close as I ever got to the Progressive Party was a meeting that I spoke of, of the Young Progressives. But over and beyond that, I don't have any knowledge or had no knowledge and have no knowledge.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you have any knowledge of leaders of the Progressive Party in Colorado being members of the Communist Party?

Mr. BRAY. No, I don't have any knowledge of that. I know of several people who have been indicted, but I don't know whether they were connected with the Progressive Party or not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you have knowledge of your own, of the Communist Party membership of the individuals that you referred to?

Mr. BRAY. No knowledge of my own. You mean of the recent individuals we have mentioned?

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes.

Mr. BRAY. No knowledge of my own.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you ever sit in a Communist Party meeting with any of them?

Mr. BRAY. No. I have never known that I was at a Communist Party meeting, or I should say I have never been at a Communist Party meeting or been aware that I was at a Communist Party meeting as such.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you recall where this meeting was held which you referred to as having attended?

Mr. BRAY. The Young Progressive meeting that was held, if that is the one you refer to, was held in one of the rooms of the Student Union Building.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you acquainted with Mr. William Morris, Sr., M-o-r-r-i-s?

Mr. BRAY. I don't know whether I am or not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attend a Progressive Party meeting in his home?

Mr. BRAY. No. Who is Mr. Morris?

Mr. Tavenner. As far as you know, you don't recall the individual?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attend a meeting of the Progressive Party on May 26, 1950, at 2244 15th Street, Boulder, Colo.?

Mr. BRAY. No, I don't recall attending a Progressive Party meeting at that address.

Mr. TAVENNER. You say you don't recall. May I ask you to state whether or not you did attend such a meeting?

Mr. BRAY. Since I have no recollection of it, I would be forced to say no, because I can't recall, and therefore my answer would be no.

Mr. TAVENNER. Has a person by the name of William Morris, Sr. been entertained by you in your home?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you acquainted with Harry A. Lawson?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did Harry A. Lawson at any time, more particularly on September 16, 1950, attend a meeting or function of any character in your home?

Mr. BRAY. I don't recall that he did on this particular date, but he has on several occasions come to my home.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was he a person known to you to be a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. BRAY. He wasn't. I would say as far as I knew, he was not a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you a member of or affiliated with the Civil Rights Congress while living in Colorado?

Mr. BRAY. No, I was not a member or affiliated with the Civil Rights Congress.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attend a Civil Rights Congress meeting at 2540 Washington Street, Denver, Colo., on January 26, 1951?

Mr. BRAY. I did attend one meeting of the Civil Rights Congress.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was that meeting held the time and place which I mentioned?

Mr. BRAY. Would you repeat that, please?

Mr. TAVENNER. 2540 Washington Street, Denver, Colo., and the date, January 26, 1951.

Mr. BRAY. Washington Street was not the place.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you state what the correct address was of the meeting?

Mr. BRAY. I don't exactly know the street, but I know it was in what they call Five Points in Denver. The Five Points area. It was on one of the Five Points.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the date of the meeting?

Mr. BRAY. I don't know the date, but I recall that the time was later than 1951.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you mean the meeting did not occur in 1951?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Then you did not attend a meeting of the Civil Rights Congress during the year 1951?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the purpose of the meeting which you attended at a date later than 1951?

Mr. BRAY. I arrived at the meeting not knowing—I was always the victim of going someplace and not knowing what was going to happen or where I was going, and this was one of the occasions. As much as I could get out of this particular meeting, discussions were

being held on various issues, one of which I remember being civil rights, race relations, and whatnot. That is the extent of what I got out of the meeting. I don't recall more.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know who the officers of the Civil Rights Congress were at that time?

Mr. BRAY. I don't know who the officers were. I was invited to go to Denver with the Saucedos, and it was entirely new to me.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you accompany them to this meeting?

Mr. BRAY. Yes, I went with them.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the approximate date of the meeting?

Mr. BRAY. The date was 1952, as far as I can remember.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was Mr. Saucedo's first name?

Mr. BRAY. Jesus.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you spell it, please?

Mr. BRAY. J-e-s-u-s.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was his wife's name?

Mr. BRAY. Judy.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did either Mr. or Mrs. Saucedo at any time solicit your membership in the Communist Party?

Mr. BRAY. No, they never solicited my interest in the Communist Party.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you familiar with the establishment of a fund entitled the Ethnic Minority Scholarship Fund?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you ever discuss the operation of that fund with Mr. Saucedo?

Mr. BRAY. I don't recall. I am sure that I have discussed something about the fund to him at some time or another. I don't recall that it was any particular occasion. We did spend a lot of time telling about the fund to various people. I therefore assume that he must have been one of them.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did he at any time tell you that the Communist Party took credit for the success that the fund enjoyed?

Mr. BRAY. He has never said that to me. I believe that it would have been something that I would have remembered, too.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did he ever make that statement in your presence?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were scholarships awarded from that fund to the University of Colorado?

Mr. BRAY. You mean to a student to the University of Colorado?

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes.

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know of any Communist Party participation in the furnishing of scholarships to the University of Colorado?

Mr. BRAY. No, I do not.

Mr. TAVENNER. I was asking you before the noon recess about work that you did during the summer of 1952. I would like to return to that subject.

Were you employed in the summer of 1952, and if so, where?

Mr. BRAY. I wasn't employed during the summer of 1952. I was trying to remember. I had been employed one of the summers by a construction company. I don't remember what summer it was that I was employed.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where were you employed?

Mr. BRAY. There was a dam being built near Boulder, up near what they call Green Mountain, and I was employed by the Macco Construction Co.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was that in the State of Colorado?

Mr. BRAY. Colorado.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you employed at the San Cristobal Valley Ranch, owned by Craig Vincent, in the summer of 1952?

Mr. BRAY. Oh, yes. 1952.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell the committee the circumstances under which you received that employment?

Mr. BRAY. I got an ad from one of the Colorado newspapers and I corresponded with this ranch.

Mr. TAVENNER. With whom did you correspond?

Mr. BRAY. Craig Vincent.

Mr. TAVENNER. As a result of which you became employed?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the nature of your employment?

Mr. BRAY. Just a counselor of children and participating in plays that were given.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you return there in 1953 for employment of the same character?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you there in the summer of 1953?

Mr. BRAY. I was in Taos, N. Mex., the following summer.

Mr. TAVENNER. How far is that from the San Cristobal Valley Ranch?

Mr. BRAY. About 13 miles, approximately.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you visit the San Cristobal Valley Ranch during that year?

Mr. BRAY. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. For what purpose?

Mr. BRAY. When I was there the first time, I had acquired a lot of friends down there, and I spent the time visiting friends. Some of them happened to be at the ranch.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell the committee, please, whether in the summer of 1952 when you were employed at the San Cristobal Valley Ranch, any member or members of the Communist Party, that is, persons known to you to be members of the Communist Party, visited the ranch?

Mr. BRAY. I don't recall any individuals who were members of the Communist Party. Practically all of the people were seen for the first time by me. I had never seen any of them before, so I had no knowledge of the people. It was a new experience for me.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you become acquainted there with any persons who were members of the Communist Party?

Mr. BRAY. No, I did not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did any member of the Communist Party visit you while you were at that ranch?

Mr. BRAY. They did not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did Mr. and Mrs. Saucedo visit you in July of 1953, at the ranch?

Mr. BRAY. No, they did not.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did they visit you at the place you were staying?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you see them in New Mexico in July 1953?

Mr. BRAY. Not in New Mexico.

Mr. TAVENNER. San Cristobal Valley Ranch is in New Mexico, is it not?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where did you see them?

Mr. BRAY. I saw them off and on during the time I was at Colorado——

Mr. TAVENNER. But I am speaking of the summer of 1953. You said you did not see them in New Mexico. Where did you see them in the summer of 1953?

Mr. BRAY. I don't recall seeing them in the summer of 1953. When I was employed at the ranch, they came to the ranch; but I don't recall seeing them in 1953.

Mr. TAVENNER. But they did come to the ranch in 1952?

Mr. BRAY. When I was employed there.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the purpose of their visit to the ranch in 1952?

Mr. BRAY. Just visiting.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did they attend any meetings while there, to your knowledge?

Mr. BRAY. Not to my knowledge. At the time I was there, there were no meetings that I attended myself that were not pertaining to the operation of the ranch.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the purpose of the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Saucedo, as far as you knew?

Mr. BRAY. The Saucedos were on a vacation, and the ranch was a place where people went to enjoy themselves. That is the only reason that I could see that they came.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know whether they had been there prior to the summer of 1952?

Mr. BRAY. I think it was their first time there.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did they come to the ranch to visit you?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. You say you do not recall their having been at the ranch in 1953.

Mr. BRAY. No, I don't recall their being there at that time.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know whether they arranged to attend a meeting on July 5, 1953, at the San Cristobal Valley Ranch?

Mr. BRAY. No, I don't know of any arrangements which they made about visiting the ranch in 1953.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you see them at any place on July 5, 1953?

Mr. BRAY. I don't recall having seen them. As far as the date is concerned, I don't know. I don't even know whether I was at the ranch at that time.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you confer with Mr. and Mrs. Saucedo, or either of them, in the early part of the summer of 1953?

Mr. BRAY. No. I have mentioned before that I did visit them occasionally, but I don't recall conferring with them about anything.

Mr. TAVENNER. If Mr. and Mrs. Saucedo had made plans to be at the San Cristobal Valley Ranch on July 5, 1953, do you know any reason for their changing their plans?

Mr. BRAY. No; I don't know of any reason why they would change their plans. It was never my interest. It didn't make any difference to me.

Mr. TAVENNER. You have no knowledge whatever of any happening or any representation made to them which caused a change in their plans?

Mr. BRAY. No; I have no knowledge of that.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you acquainted with Lawrence Love?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attend a function at his home at 2202 Ogden Street, Denver, on December 30, 1954?

Mr. BRAY. I don't recall attending a function at his house on this particular date. I did attend some parties that they used to have at his house, but that is all I ever attended.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were Mr. and Mrs. Saucedo present at those parties?

Mr. BRAY. Yes, sir. Well, most of the time.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the purpose of the parties?

Mr. BRAY. Just a party. That is all I can say.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were any persons there known to you to be members of the Communist Party?

Mr. BRAY. There was nobody present that I could say I knew were members of the Communist Party.

Mr. TAVENNER. At these meetings we have discussed, which you attended, and when Mr. and Mrs. Saucedo were present, was any Communist Party literature presented or discussed?

Mr. BRAY. No, never at any party that I ever attended was there any Communist Party literature presented or discussed.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you acquainted with Morris Wright, W-r-i-g-h-t?

Mr. BRAY. I have met him. I was acquainted with him.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you attend a function at his home on January 11, 1955, at 875 Shoshone Street in Denver?

Mr. BRAY. I do recall attending another party at his house. I don't know whether that was the date or not.

Mr. TAVENNER. I am speaking of 1955. Was this meeting attended by you in 1955?

Mr. BRAY. I didn't attend any in 1955, because I was in Massillon.

Mr. TAVENNER. What about the year 1954?

Mr. BRAY. I remember attending some party at his house in that year.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was it in January 1954?

Mr. BRAY. That seems likely, but I don't remember the date.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were Mr. and Mrs. Saucedo present?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the purpose of that meeting?

Mr. BRAY. I don't know that, either. I think somebody was having a birthday, maybe one of his children.

Mr. TAVENNER. Could it have been a birthday celebration for the National Guardian magazine?

Mr. BRAY. That I don't know, because that was never explained and I never inquired about it, because every time I was invited to go to a party, it was just a party.

Mr. TAVENNER. You found out what the party was after you got there, didn't you?

Mr. BRAY. No. There was nothing discussed pertaining to this paper, and all that I could see was going on was that people were drinking and talking. That is all.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you visit the San Cristobal Valley Ranch in New Mexico during the weekend of January 8 and 9, 1955?

Mr. BRAY. No, I did not.

Mr. TAVENNER. When was the last time you visited the San Cristobal Valley Ranch?

Mr. BRAY. About that time I was in New Mexico because, as I said, we had acquired a number of friends in New Mexico, in Taos, N. Mex., especially. For that reason my wife and I went down to visit.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you go to the San Cristobal Ranch while you were there?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you acquainted with Anthony Morton, of Denver?

Mr. BRAY. Oh, yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was his occupation?

Mr. BRAY. He worked at the Union Hall there.

Mr. TAVENNER. What union?

Mr. BRAY. The Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you know what his position was?

Mr. BRAY. I think he was a clerk or he ran a mimeograph machine. I don't really know.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you ever take any material to him to be mimeographed?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. From whom?

Mr. BRAY. It was a play which we were giving in Denver entitled, "God's Trombones."

Mr. TAVENNER. In addition to that, did you take any other material to him?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you deliver messages of any character from William Morris, Sr., to Anthony Morton?

Mr. BRAY. No, I never delivered any messages from Morris.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you ever deliver to Anthony Morton any material? By that I mean any statement in writing or any printed matter?

Mr. BRAY. No, never any material that I ever delivered.

Mr. TAVENNER, In other words, you have not transmitted anything from Mr. William Morris, Sr., to Anthony Morton?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. You say you took master's work at the University of Colorado in 1953. Did you receive an additional degree?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. After completing your graduate work, did you then engage in the teaching profession?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where?

Mr. BRAY. At Cole Junior High School in Denver.

Mr. TAVENNER. How long were you employed there?

Mr. BRAY. One year.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you required to file a loyalty oath of any character for employment?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you file one?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. At the time of filing such an oath, were you a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Had you ever been a member of the Communist Party prior to that time?

Mr. BRAY. No; I have never been a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. TAVENNER. Have you at any time ever attended a Communist Party meeting?

Mr. BRAY. I don't recall ever attending a Communist Party meeting.

Mr. TAVENNER. By your answer, am I to understand that you are uncertain in your mind about that? Do you say you do not recall?

Mr. BRAY. No. I am merely stating that I have never gone to a meeting knowing that it was Communist, and I have never attended any meeting, having gone through a meeting with the impression that it was a Communist meeting.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you at any time solicited for membership in the Communist Party?

Mr. BRAY. I have never been solicited for membership in the Communist Party.

Mr. TAVENNER. Have you ever at any time made application for membership in the Communist Party?

Mr. BRAY. I have never made an application to the Communist Party.

Mr. TAVENNER. After serving 1 year as a teacher at Cole Junior High School, were you employed elsewhere?

Mr. BRAY. Yes. I signed a contract to teach in Massillon, Ohio.

Mr. TAVENNER. Is that the place of your birth?

Mr. BRAY. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. For what year was the contract?

Mr. BRAY. It was for 1955, 1954–55.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you under contract now to teach there?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. Was your contract canceled?

Mr. BRAY. Well, it was terminated, yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you actually teach that year?

Mr. BRAY. I didn't teach that year.

Mr. TAVENNER. However, you were paid your salary for that year weren't you?

Mr. BRAY. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you still reside in Massillon?

Mr. BRAY. Yes. You asked me whether or not I taught that year. Did you mean at Massillon?

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes.

Mr. BRAY. I didn't teach at Massillon, no.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where did you teach?

Mr. BRAY. I did teach at Cleveland beginning the second semester, in February.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you still teach there?

Mr. BRAY. No.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the name of the school?

Mr. BRAY. Rawlings Junior High School.

Mr. TAVENNER. I have asked you about Communist Party membership at various periods. I want to ask you now, have you been a member of the Communist Party at any time?

Mr. BRAY. I have never been a member of the Communist Party at any time.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Chairman, I believe that is all that I want to ask this witness in open session. I would like to ask him a few questions in closed session.

The CHAIRMAN. All right.

If the members of the press will leave the room, we will proceed with the closed session.

(Whereupon, at 3:15 p. m., the subcommittee recessed, to reconvene in executive session.)

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